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SUBJECT FURTHER BOMBINGS IN ISTANBUL

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1. WAVE OF SPORADIC BOMBINGS ALLEGEDLY LINKED TO ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATHS OF PRIOMINENT LEFTIST "ANARCHISTSZ CONTINUED NIGHT OF MAY 4 AS EXPLOSIONS OCCURRED IN AKSARAY, ZEYTINBURNU, AND BAKIRKOY AREAS OF ISTANBUL, AND IN OUTLYING TOWN OF KUCUKCEKMECE. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, FIRST THREE BOMBS EXPLODED WITHIN MINUTES OF ONE ANOTHER AT AN AUTOMBOBILE SALES OUTLET IN AKSARAY, A POLICE STATION IN YESILTEPE/AEYTINBURNU, AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE RIGHT WING IDEALIST HEARTHS ORGANIZATION IN KUCUKCEKMECE. THE FOURTH BOMBING TOOK PLACE SHORTLY AFTERWARDS AT AN AKBANK BRANCH IN BAKIRKOY. NONE OF THESE AREAS IS NEAR CONGEN. ALTHOUGH BOMBINGS CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE, NO INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED

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2. MILLIYET NEWSPAPER STATES THAT POLICE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL

FROM "MARXIST LENINIST ARMED PROPAGANDA UNIT" CLAIMING CREDIT
FOR BOMBINGS AND STATING THAT THEY WERE INTENDED AS
PROTEST BOTH AGAINST HANGING OF DENIZ GEZMIS GROUP IN 1972 AND
AGAINST RECENT INTENSIFICATION OF "FASCIST" ATTACKS IN ISTANBUL.
ACCORDING TO REPORTS, ALL POLICE LEAVES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED
AND SECURITY FORCES HAVE
BEEN STRENGTHENED IN WAKE OF BOMBINGS

3.COMMENT: POLICE OFFICIALS HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD US THAT THEY
EXPECTED VIOLENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNIVERSARY OF GEZMIS'
EXECUTION. LATEST BOMBINGS FOLLOW ESTABLISHED PATTERN, WITH POLICE
STATIONS AND BANKS SERVING AS IMPORTANT TARGETS, PROBABLY BE-
CAUSE THEY REPRESENT FOR LEFTIST EXTREMISTS THE FORCES OF
" FASCISM" AND CAPITALISM RESPECTIVELY. ON
MARCH 30 WHEN A POLICE STATION AND AN AKBANK BRANCH IN THE
SAME AREAS OF THE CITY WERE BOMBED, (REFTEL) MARXIST LENINIST
AMED PROPAGANDA UNIT ALSO TOOK CREDIT. MEANWHILE,POLICE
HAVE INTENSIFIED SECURITY MEASURES AROUND CONSULATE
COMPOUND IN ANTICIPATION OF FURTHER VIOLENCE IN THE CITY MACE

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